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For: METHOD FOR DETERMINING AMINO ACID  
SEQUENCE OF A PEPTIDE

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Examiner: Jana A. Hines

**AMENDMENT FILED CONCURRENTLY WITH REQUEST**  
**FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the final Office Action dated January 25, 2008, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.